

# IMPORTATION FLOW CHART

NOTE: This Flow Chart is a summary of the importation process. For complete details see the appropriate sections of the manual.

## 1) If your vehicle or heavy-duty engine (HDE) is excluded:

### Excluded Vehicles/HDEs

Vehicles not subject to emission requirements

See [Excluded Vehicles - Section B.1](#)

A vehicle or engine is excluded if it is a:	and	was originally manufactured before:	On Form 3520-1, Declare Code:
Light-duty gasoline-fueled vehicle or truck		January 1, 1968	R
Light-duty diesel-fueled vehicle		January 1, 1975	S
Light-duty diesel-fueled truck		January 1, 1977	T
Motorcycle		January 1, 1978	U
Heavy-duty gasoline or diesel-fueled engine		January 1, 1970	V

### Other Exclusions

**Non-chassis-mounted engines** used for a light-duty-vehicle or light-duty truck. Declare code "W" on Form 3520-1.

**Runs solely on unregulated fuel** - Declare code "Y" on Form 3520-1.

**Racing vehicles** lacking features associated with safe and practical street or highway use, or vehicles that cannot exceed 25 mph. **EPA approval letter must be attached to Form 3520-1.** Declare code "L" on Form 3520-1.

**Off-Road Vehicles or HDEs** having a maximum speed of 25 mph, exhibiting features such as tracked road contact means, inordinate size, or military combat or tactical vehicles imported prior to January 1, 1996. Declare code "X" on Form 3520-1. Beginning January 1, 1996, such vehicles or HDE's must be entered using EPA Form 3520-21.

**THESE VEHICLES MAY BE IMPORTED BY ANYONE  
WITHOUT EPA APPROVAL OR BOND.**

## 2) If your vehicle/HDE is not excluded and is being imported temporarily:

## Temporary Importations

Emission requirements for these vehicles/HDEs are waived  
See [Temporary Importations - Section B.2](#)

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>May Be Imported By:</u>	<u>Bond Required:</u>	<u>On Form 3520-1 Declare Code:</u>
- Repair/Alteration	Anyone	Yes	G
- OEM testing, research, etc.	OEM	No	H
- Testing	Anyone	Yes	I
- Display	Anyone	Yes	K
- Diplomat/Armed Forces/Personnel on Official Business	Foreign Diplomats/Military	No	N
- Non-resident	Individual Nonresident	No	O

**THESE VEHICLES MAY BE IMPORTED BY ANYONE WITHOUT EPA APPROVAL**

### **3) If your vehicle/HDE is not excluded and is being imported permanently, and**

**a) is a U.S. Version Vehicle/HDE:(1)**

## U.S. Version Vehicles/HDEs

See [U.S. Version - Section B.3.a](#)

<u>If Vehicle/HDE:</u>	<u>May be Imported by:</u>	<u>Bond Required:</u>	<u>Approval Required:</u>	<u>On Form 3520-1 Declare Code:</u>
is 21 years old or older	Anyone	No	No	E
has been modified or altered	Anyone	Yes	No	F
has not been modified or altered (except for removal of catalyst oxygen sensor or fuel filler neck restrictor)	Anyone	No	No	B <sup>(2)</sup>

*(1) U.S. versions are manufactured according to an EPA certificate of conformity and with an EPA emission label in the English language.*

(2) *Importer responsible for reinstalling or replacing catalytic converter, oxygen sensor and fuel filler neck restrictor after importation, if those components are missing or damaged.*

**b) is a Canadian Vehicle/HDE:**

Canadian Vehicles/HDEs							
See <a href="#">Canadian Version - Section B.3.b</a>							
Identical to U.S. Version				Not Identical to U.S. Version			
<u>Vehicle:</u>	<u>Bond:</u>	<u>May be Imported by:</u>	<u>Code:</u>	<u>Vehicle:</u>	<u>Bond:</u>	<u>Approval Required:</u>	<u>Code:</u>
is a 1988 or later model year LDV, LDT, HDGE	No	Anyone	EE	21 years or older	No	No	E
has a letter from the U.S. Representative of the OEM attached to Form 3520-1	No	Anyone	EE	Owner changing permanent residence from Canada to U. S.	No	No	M
is on EPA identical list	No	Anyone	EE	Gift/inheritance to immediate family member	No	No	M
Modified to be identical to U. S. version.	No	Anyone*	EE	All others (are not excluded and do not qualify for an exemption)	Must be imported by an ICI. See ICIs under Non-U.S. Version Vehicles.		
*Requires EPA approval							

**c) Is not a U.S. or Canadian Version Vehicle/HDE:**

<b><u>Non U.S. Version Vehicles/HDEs</u></b>			
See <a href="#">Non U.S. Version - Section B.3.b</a>			
These vehicles/HDEs can be imported if:	Individual has an EPA Exemption	Entered by an ICI	Individuals may not directly import

<u>Vehicle Is:</u>	<u>Bond:</u>	<u>Approval Required:</u>	<u>Code:</u>	<u>Vehicle Imported for:</u>	<u>Bond:</u>	<u>Condition:</u>	<u>Code:</u>
21 years old or older	No	No	E	Modification to specific certificate	No	ICI must have certificate for specific make, model, OP year.	A
Needed and unforeseen extra-ordinary circumstance	No	Yes	M	Modification & testing	No	Vehicle at least 6 OP years old.	C
Identical to U.S. version vehicle or HDE*	No	No	EE	Precertification testing	Yes	ICI has 180 days to obtain certificate or export.	J
Modified to be identical to U.S. version vehicle or HDE*	No	Yes	EE	Modification to OEM's certified version	No	Copy of OEM's instructions attached.	Z
				Modification & testing for vehicle less than 6 OP years	No	Must be owned by U.S. Gov't employee or member of military. Certification concerning duty area from employing agency required.	D
	* requires letter of proof from U.S. representative of the OEM						